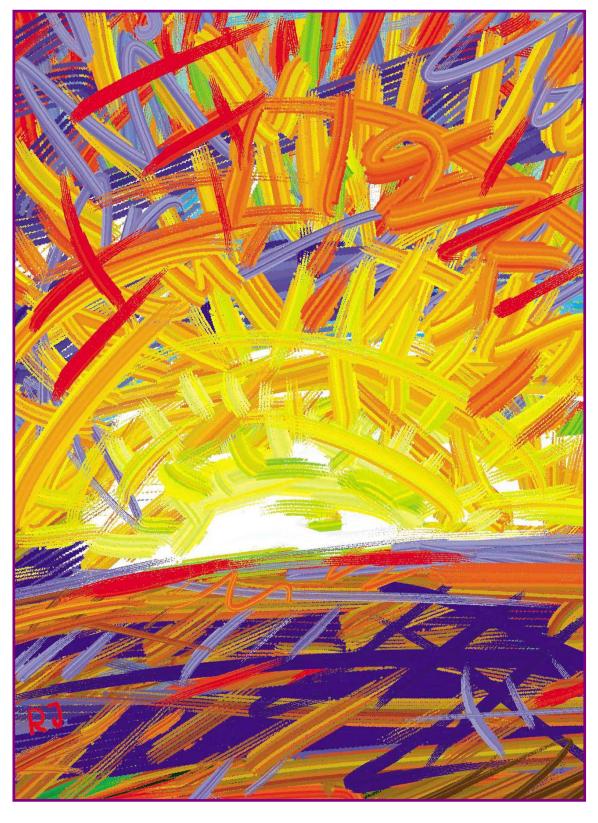
# KIRK IN THE HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) RESURRECTION OF THE LORD | EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 31, 2024







# Welcome to Easter 2024!

We are delighted you are worshipping with us this morning.

Our scripture reading this Easter is Mark 16: 1-8, the story of Jesus' empty tomb. After an angel tells three remarkable women, "Jesus has been raised; he is not there," the angel goes on to say where the Risen Jesus is, "He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him . . ." What a great promise. Faithful followers will see Jesus. Jesus goes ahead of us. We will see him in the future.

"See" is the operative word in this wonderful promise. But I need glasses to see just about anything. I need glasses to read a menu in a restaurant. It's just a big blur without glasses. I have Presbyopia, which is the gradual loss of the

ability to see things close up. Presbyopia is natural, but annoying, aspect of aging. I've been using cheaters for decades. I buy them in packages of three in the highest number of vision correction Costco has. I also need glasses in order to drive. My distance vision is not what it used to be. If you see me driving without glasses, watch out! I have a single pair of glasses that corrects my vision close up and helps me see at the distance, but I get dizzy shifting from one distance to the other. But even that is better than no glasses at all. I need glasses in order to see.

I will need glasses in order to see Jesus going ahead of me. I will need resurrection glasses. I will need glasses that allow me to see the power of God revealed in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. I will need glasses that allow me to see Jesus' defeat of death and victory of love. I will need glasses to allow me to see the Risen Jesus at work in the world.

May God give us all resurrection glasses as we worship this Easter morning!

Faithfully, Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed Bridge Interim Senior Pastor/Head of Staff

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY • EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

### **GATHERING**

Death has been swallowed up in victory.—1 Corinthians 15:54b

Today, Easter Sunday, we remember with gratitude those who have died between Easter 2023 and Easter 2024.

We give thanks to God for their lives and claim the promise of the resurrection for them.

Margaret Love Allen Nicholas Bachynski Donald F. Beal Nancy Bigelow Carl F. Bihlmeyer, Jr. Jo Ann Bonnett Ann S. Bryant Margaret Cameron William H. Casselman Iames W. Clark Dolene Clark Nelson Andrew Coubrough, Jr. Sharon L. Craig Reagan David Domenica DiMauro Lillian Dottie Margaret Fleming Maybelle Fraser Beula (Cy) Gailey Carlos Gomez Kenneth Groth

Jenna Gullekson Gaylord Haan Roland Harmes David D. Harvey, Jr. Charles Ewing Herrold Patricia Jennings Regenia Ann Jordan Bravo Robert Gray Kearful Ardis Kenealy Frances Leonard Ruth W. Littleton Shanda Lowery-Sachs Robert Grant Maldegen Kathleen Martin Shirley McCaig Michael McCarthy Alexander C. McKeen George A. Meschke Robert Metals Joy Pachucki

Jeane Poos Antonio Quiroga, Sr. Eleanor Jane Reddig Charles Reed Ruby E. Rhodes George H. Richards Joseph Victor Rush Cecilia Sabol Dr. Hal Stephenson Frank Utecht Melvin Lee Walters Alec Ward Judith K. Ward Richard C. Ward Philip J. Westphal Helen Whitaker Ralph James Winter Mary Elizabeth Wolf Barbara Jo Wright

OPENING VOLUNTARIES Trumpet Tune from Te Deum Marc-Antoine Charpentier

(7:00 a.m.) Sonata in C Major

OPENING VOLUNTARIES Toccata on Gaudeamus Pariter James Biery

(9:00 and 11:00 a.m.) **Trumpet Tune from Te Deum** Marc-Antoine Charpentier

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

Richard Proulx

J. C. Pezel

Sonata in C Major J. C. Pezel

\* Please rise in body or spirit at the ringing of the tower bell.

\* INTROIT (9:00 and 11:00 a.m.) This Is the Day Marilyn Biery

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Edwin Estevez

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

This is the good news we have received,

In which we stand,

And by which we are saved:

Alleluia! Christ is risen, indeed!

That Christ died for our sins,

And was buried,

And rose again on the third day.

Alleluia! Christ is risen, indeed!

He appeared to the women, Peter, the twelve,

and to many faithful witnesses.

Alleluia! Christ is risen, indeed!

At last, he comes to us, that we might come to believe,

and proclaim this good news to all the world.

Alleluia! Christ is risen, indeed!

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today Easter Hymn

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost

Almighty God,

In raising Jesus from the grave,

You shattered the power of sin and death.

We confess that we remain, like the early disciples,

Captive to doubt and fear.

Forgive us, God of grace.

Help us to trust your power to transform us,

Make us new,

And embolden us to change our world.

May we know the joy of life abundant

Given to us in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord!

Amen.

# \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN 246 (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

### **Christ Is Alive!** (verses 1 & 5)

Truro

# \* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost

The proof of God's amazing love is this:

"For God so loved the world that God gave his only begotten Son,

That whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Friends, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

\* GLORIA PATRI

Greatorex (Hymn 581)

Glory be to the Father,

And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, Is now, and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen. Amen.

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Edwin Estevez

**WORD WITH THE CHILDREN** (9:00 a.m.)

Sarah Ford

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Following the Word with Children, children and youth will return to sit with their parent(s)/guardian. Be sure to join us on the front lawn for an Easter Egg Hunt and other family activities after the 9:00 a.m. service!

**SOLO** (7:00 a.m.)

# In the Fair Morning

Evelyn Larter

In the fair morning, soft sun arising, bringing spice, expecting death, we seek the body, sadness and silence, and hear an angel voice instead:

Fear not, O people! You seek your Jesus;

God has acted, do not fear.

Seek him in living, seek him in loving,

but in this grave he is not here.

Why stand there weeping? Why weep in sorrow?

Jesus lives, and fear has fled.

*Roll away sadness, view this arising:* 

Jesus is raised, and death is dead.

*Bow not your faces, rise up in wonder:* 

Christ awaits you on the way; in the fair morning,

bright sun arising, Christ waits to greet you to the day. (Susan Palo Cherwien)

# **ANTHEM** (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

# A Hymn of Resurrection

Gwyneth Walker

I know that my Redeemer lives,

And on the earth again shall stand.

I know eternal life he gives,

With grace and healing in his hand.

I know his promise of rebirth,

The Word he speaks can never die.

Though death shall take my body from the earth,

Yet I shall see him by and by.

I know my pathway he prepares,

For where he is, there I shall be.

Abiding faith, for me he cares,

And he at last will come for me!

I know that my Redeemer lives for here on earth he has come again!

My Savior lives again!

# **WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING** 

**Mark 16:1-8**NT, page 54)

Rev. Dr. Philip Reed

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** 

Jesus is Always Ahead of Us

\* **HYMN** (9:00 & 11:00 a.m. only—please see **page 10**)

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Lasst uns erfreuen

# **THANKSGIVING**

\* CALL TO OFFERING AND DEDICATION (7:00 a.m.)

Rev. Edwin Estevez

Your offering for the Kirk's ministry will be received as you leave worship.

# \* CALL TO OFFERING AND DEDICATION (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

Rev. Edwin Estevez

Our giving is an offering to God. All offerings are part of our worship of God and are used to support the Kirk's ministry. Text "KITH" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.

**OFFERTORY** (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

## If Ye Then Be Risen with Christ

C. V. Stanford

If ye then be risen with Christ,

Seek those things which are above,

Where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God.

Hallelujah, Amen. (Colossians 3:1)

\* **DOXOLOGY** (Hymn 606) (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

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# **PRAYER**

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

**LORD'S PRAYER** (7:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

# **SENDING**

\* CLOSING HYMN 233 The Day of Resurrection! Lancashire
CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (seated) Rev. Dr. Philip Reed

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Toccata from Symphony V Charles-Marie Widor

He is Risen!

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## **EASTER MEMORIALS 2024**

The Easter flowers in the Sanctuary and throughout the Kirk are presented to the glory of the Risen Christ in loving memory or in honor of . . .

In honor of all the Saints who from their labors rest, who Jesus by faith before the world confessed by Dr. Ray and Mrs. Knudsen.

In honor of his parents, Jim and Peg Dickson, by Scott Dickson.

In honor of the Trinity Stitchers by Marcia Miller.

Easter Blessings in honor of their family near and far, love Brad, Terri and Carl Hanpeter.

Prayers for Kate Middleton by Annette and Jon Davies.

All those whom they love and remember by Bruce, Terri and Alexis Miller.

Dr. James F. Anderson by Dr. Ray and Mrs. Knudsen.

Benjamin L. Arnold III by The Arnold Family.

Virginia (Ginny) Biehl by The Flynn Family.

George and Pat Black by Steve Black.

Donald T. Breen by his wife, Camille Breen.

Jean Ann Cheng by Joan H. Cheng. M.D..

Val Corradi by Dr. and Mrs. Ray Knudsen.

Sharon Craig by her loving family.

Jeff "Zayde" Douglas.

Janet Emerson by Rosemary and Todd Emerson.

Bob Everett by Dr. Ray and Mrs. Knudsen.

Bob Everett by Beth and Henry Kerr.

Gary L. Field by Lance and Chloe Riendl.

Vito Peter Gioia, Sr. by The Gioia Family.

Gaylord Haan by Colby and Katelyn Haan.

Elizabeth, Parke and John Hamilton by Margaret Salmonowicz.

Richard T. Hartzell by The Hartzell Family.

Robert E. Hoisington by his family.

Rex and Carol F. Holton and their grandson, Kyle Holton by The Holton and Little families.

Robert S. Hunsburger by Norma A. Hunsburger and family.

Martin and Edith Hutt by John and Wendy Hutt.

Dale E. Johnson by Toni Johnson.

Jean Kallgren, the love of his life, by her husband, Rod Kallgren.

Marie and Donald Krenke and Hatte and John Block by DonnaMarie and Jon Block.

Edith Kuhn by Ron Kuhn.

Edie Kuhn, loving Mom and Nana, by Gretchen, Dan, Joe and Hannah Jakubiak.

David Lau by The Lau Family.

David Laurent by Susan Laurent.

Walter and Eileen Leisinger and Janet and Clayton Kerr by Beth and Henry Kerr.

Dr. John H. Libcke by his wife, Jean and children, Bob, Martha and Jane.

Betty Lifsey by Dr. and Mrs. Ray Knudsen.

Dr. William Maddock by wife Pat, their children and grandchildren.

Albert and Jeanne Maas by Marge and Allan Whittemore.

Catherine Baker Mayhew by C. Walker Mayhew.

Shannon McBeth by Diane and Hugh "Sandy" McLeod.

Robert E. McGee by Lance and Chloe Riendl.

Roderick and Grace McKinnon by John and Wendy Hutt.

George Meschke by Mrs. George Meschke.

Susan Elizabeth Trowl Milliken by her family.

Louise Morian by Rosemary and Todd Emerson.

Joel Pott by his family.

Dr. Antonio Quiroga by Carolyn Sloane and Tony Quiroga.

Reagan by Molly, Donald and Chloe David.

Redbird by Carolyn Sloane and Tony Quiroga.

Charley and Margaret Sarlund by Curtis, Wendy, Will and Molly Myers.

Kevin Schaefer by Anne Schaefer.

M. Lynne Scheiber, by Dennis E. Scheiber, Jacquelyn, Logan, Kaitlynne and family.

Virginia and Edward Shelton and Margaret Rende by Samantha Shelton.

Enna Van Geider Sigler by Carolyn Sloane and Tony Quiroga.

Amelia Lauren Tomlinson by her parents, Daniel and Lucinda Tomlinson and her brother and family, David, Pamela, Sutton Jaye and Harper Belle Tomlinson.

Charles E. Trowl, Jr. by his family.

Helena Belden Velasco by Carolyn Sloane and Tony Quiroga.

Gloria Watt by Susan Jones.

Family we have loved and lost by Kathy and Will Heritage.

Her Dad, John Stong and her sister, Susan Guinn —missing them both every day by Terri Hanpeter.

Her late husband, Mark Brown by Pam Brown.

Her husband, Robert and her daughter-in-law, Karen by Ann Larkin.

Her husband, Dr. Duane L. Block by Kathleen Block.

Her mother, Opal O'Kelley, grandparents, Sidney and Maude Gibson, and grandson, Jacob DeWolf by Sydrena Epstein.

His mother, Anne Vettraino Mularoni by Anne and John Mularoni.

His sister, Marilyn Ragan Broderick, by Bruno and Cathy Ragan.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Kallgren and Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Moser by Rod Kallgren.

Jean's parents, Edmund and Mary Schindler by Jeff and Jean Kallgren.

Loved ones by Maynard Timm and Noreen Markley.

Their mom, Jean Kallgren by Jeff, Doug, Scott, Chris, Ted and Peter Kallgren.

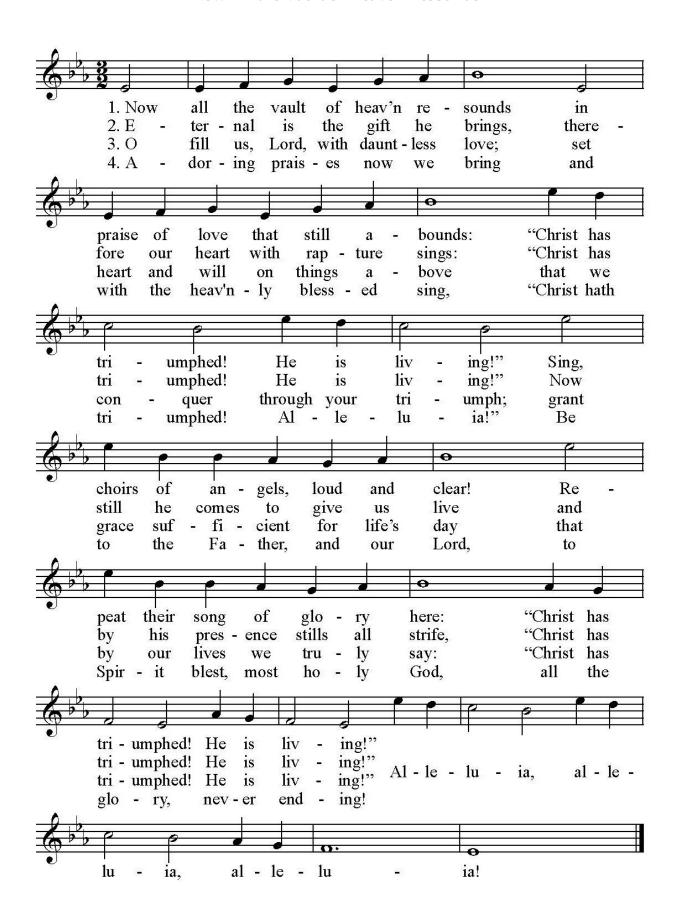
Their parents by Sharon and Rick Heidrich.

Their parents, Jack and Helen Guthrie and John and Stephanie D'Anna by Don Grace Guthrie.

Their parents, Marjorie and Donald Rader and Earl and Lucia Harris by Judy and Waller Harris.

Their parents, Bruno and Zosh Ragan and John and Sally Marshall by Bruno and Cathy Ragan.

Their parents, Mae and Henry Wolfe and Emil and Esther Pyorale by Jim and Py Wolfe.



### INFORMATION ON TODAY'S SERVICES

## Musicians 7:00 a.m.:

Daniel Paradowski, baritone; Derek Lockhart and Adriano Liberato Estraiotto, trumpets; David Enos, organist

## Musicians 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.:

Derek Lockhart and Adriano Liberato Estraiotto, trumpets Kristi Crago, horn Brian Johnston, trombone

Nathan Shook, tuba Colin McCall, timpani

David Enos, organist and carillonist; Marilyn Biery, organist and director.

## **Music Notes**

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Welcome to Easter Sunday at Kirk in the Hills—we are delighted that you are with us as we celebrate Christ's triumph over sin and death. Let us rejoice and sing with our hearts and minds. Let us worship God—Alleluia!

At the conclusion of the 9:00 am and 11:00 am services we hear a full peal (random ringing) of five of the carillon's lowest bells; one of only two times during the church year when this is done at the Kirk, the other time being Christmas Eve at midnight.

Dr. Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947) is a graduate of Brown University and the Hartt School of Music. She holds B.A., M.M. and D.M.A. degrees in Music Composition. A former faculty member of the Oberlin College Conservatory, she resigned from academic employment in 1982 to pursue a career as a full-time composer. For nearly 30 years, she lived on a dairy farm in Braintree, Vermont before returning to live in her childhood hometown of New Canaan, Connecticut.

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852 – 1924) was an Anglo-Irish composer, music teacher, and conductor of the late Romantic era. Born to a well-off and highly musical family in Dublin, Stanford was educated at the University of Cambridge before studying music in Leipzig and Berlin. He is mostly remembered for his church music compositions.

Charles-Marie-Jean-Albert Widor (1844–1937) was a French organist, composer and teacher most remembered for his ten organ symphonies, especially for the toccata we hear today—the last movement of his fifth organ symphony. Widor was the longest-serving organist of Saint-Sulpice in Paris, a role he held for 63 years (1870–1933). He also was organ professor at the Paris Conservatory from 1890 to 1896 (following César Franck) as well as professor of composition at the same institution. Widor was a prolific composer, writing music for organ, piano, voice and ensembles.

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The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. David Littleton in grateful and joyful celebration, for the promise of Easter is true.

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This brilliantly colorful painting titled "Sunrise", by Norwegian painter Rolf Jansson, expresses the joy of the Resurrection. It visually shouts "He is Risen".



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